

**Jesse Duncan Elliott to Andrew Jackson, June 4, 1845,
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class=MsoNormal>JESSE DUNCAN ELLIOTT TO JACKSON.

Philadelphia, June 4, 1845.

Dear General, When at the plains of Marathon, Greece while searching the bowels of the earth for some memento which might mark the last tread of the Persian invader in his expulsion by Milltiadies, I struck upon a marble column at the point whence was erected the Temple between the mounds, raised by the Matrons of the bodies of their deceased children who had fallen in battle. It has occurred to me that this might be placed in your possession and tendered by you to the Legislature of Louisiana to mark with your own hand the last tread of the Britton in the war of 12. It will be forwarded forthwith to the Collector of the port of New Orleans to be there held subject to your order. I pray you my dear and honoured friend to receive this as a token of that high respect and sincere attachment for your private, military and political character which I have ever entertained, and allow me to add the hope that you may continue to dwell in happiness in a land and among a people which owes you so much till you are called to everlasting rest and blessedness.